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Third-year student Cristina Manzano has won the Northeast Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel's (NEACC) Law Student Ethics Award. The award will be presented at the chapter's annual gala reception, to be held on Monday, April 25, 2016.

According to the NEACC, the awards program was created to "recognize and encourage the ethical practice of law at the earliest stages of a young lawyer's professional career, and at the same time to shine a spotlight on ethics more generally, demonstrating that the legal community values lawyers who are guided by ethical principles." The award, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship, is given to 12 students from local law schools who have demonstrated an early commitment to ethics through work in clinical programs representing their first real clients.

A student in the Law School's Immigration Clinic, Manzano was described as "a leader in the clinic group for her ability to assist students in working through their ethical dilemmas" in the nomination letter from Professor Mary Holper, who supervised her in the clinic. She was described as a star student not only in the Immigration Clinic, but also in her seminar entitled "Ethics for Clinics," where she continuously brought forth ethical dilemmas faced within the clinic for discussion in class.

"Cristina is very deserving of this award because she not only thoughtfully analyzed every ethical issue that arose in her cases, but she also shared her ability to work through difficult ethical issues with her classmates," Holper wrote. "Cristina's clinical work involved the representation of several child clients. In each of these decisions, Cristina thought through important ethical principles such as candor to the tribunal, zealous advocacy, and her commitment to maintain client confidentiality."

